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App. No.: 09/922,061

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10 and 12-16 are pending in the Application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,633,630 by Owens et al., ("Owens") in view of U.S. Patent 6,289,337 by Davies et al. ("Davies") in view of U.S. Publication 20020013815 by Obradovich ("Obradovich").

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant respectfully submits that a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not proper as Obradovich is not valid as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Please refer to the submission of a Rule 1.131 affidavit submitted by two of the three joint inventors. The inventors conceived the invention at a date prior to July 28, 2000 coupled with diligence in completing the invention until filing of the patent application on August 2, 2001. The affidavit includes an Invention Disclosure, (Exhibit A), in which each of the inventors signed. Since Obradovich is not a prior art reference, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established and all claims should be allowed.

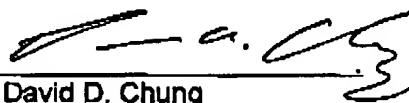
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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